

**Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Report**  
Presented at the Workforce Development Council Meeting on February 12, 2015

**1. Update on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation**

- a. State-level meetings among “Core Programs” partners (WIOA, Wagner-Peyser, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Adult Education) began in October 2014 and continue on a monthly basis to share information about services, identify target groups, and prepare for development of Unified Plan.

Six conference calls between State and County staff were conducted since November 2014 to review pertinent sections of WIOA and share information for implementation, including draft timelines, key areas of transition to WIOA, and emphasis on the job-driven training approach.

(Refer to handouts: July 24, 2014 letter to Governor from US Secretaries of Labor and Health and Human Services transmitting Checklist for Job-Driven Training; and January 27, 2015 letter from DLIR Director Dwight Takamine to Governor David Ige, regarding Transition into WIOA.)

- b. *“Partners on the Move”*. With Adult Education and Vocational Rehabilitation, conducted the first of a series of local area meetings among core and other partners on Maui County on January 16, 2015 to facilitate partnership-building in each local area. Similar meetings in other local areas will be scheduled in summer of 2015.
- c. *Sector Strategy Conference*, January 8-9, 2015, Oakland, California, USDOL Regions 4 & 6. A team from Hawaii (Carol Kanayama, WDD Administration; Michelle Arima, Hawaii County; and Rolanese Crisafulli, WorkHawaii) attended. Some highlights are provided in handout, *Sector Strategy Approaches*.

**2. Healthcare PPWG Survey Report September 2014** (Refer to handout on Report of Healthcare survey of Healthcare providers.)

Action Plans included (1) recommendation to establish a Statewide Health Advisory Panel to provide early warning of skills shortages in the workforce, (2) embed health Information Technology in Health Education Programs, and (3) develop a Clinical Preceptor Program. HB 696 is a direct result of the first Action Plan, proposing to establish a Hawaii Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board. (Refer to HB 696, HD1.)

**3. Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Development Board**

Board was convened and met three times since October 2014 to identify workforce issues in agriculture and recommend action plans. Their recommendation was incorporated into HB 853, which establishes training programs for agriculture teachers and school administrators to build a stronger pipeline of students into the agricultural workforce. (Refer to HB 853, HD1.)

**4. Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)**

- a. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for SCSEP providers was issued on February 2, 2015 and proposals are due to the State on March 20, 2015. (Total estimated amount in the RFP is \$1.6 million.) The contract period will be July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 with the possibility of *annual* extensions up through June 30, 2019, contingent on good performance.
- b. Orientation for the RFP will be held on February 17, 2015.

## **5. Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI)**

- a. WorLDS System is expected to “go live” on February 20, 2015
- b. The University of Hawaii Community College (UHCC) accepted a proposal from the Research & Statistics Office to include C3T participant data in the system. Other data sharing agreements are also in progress.
- c. Continued collaboration with P-20's DxP included development of a legislative report that will be jointly presented to the House Labor and Education committees

## **6. C3T Grant**

The Healthcare Policy Planning Work Group (PPWG) completed its Healthcare PPWG Survey Report which is now available for review.

## **7. Job Driven National Emergency Grant (NEG)**

- a. Funds are available until September 2016.
- b. Upon approval of Modification 1, the Research and Statistics Office will upgrade the Eligible Training Provider website and Leeward Community College will begin the Employer Soft Skills video project.